for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur has been notified as referral laboratory for detecting the presence/absence of Bt. Gene. The Department of Seed Certification, Tamil Nadu has established a laboratory for similar purpose at Coimbatore. State Governments have also constituted special flying squads to prevent sale of illegal Bt. Cotton seeds. They have also undertaken massive campaign for educating farmers on the issue.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Banning chemical fertilizers

291. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified thirty-seven chemical fertilizers such as monochrotophas to ban;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consultations have been held before banning them with the stake-holders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. 37 pesticides, including monocrotophos, have been identified for review of their toxicity, persistence, safety etc. in order to decide upon their continued use or restricted use or phasing out.

(b) The details are enclosed at Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The Expert Group constituted to review these pesticides has been entrusted with the task of consulting major stakeholders, including associations of the pesticides industry befoe finalizing their recommendations.

Statement

Review of various pesticides which are banned in other countries but are being used in India.

Acephate

Atrazine

Benfuracarb

Bifenthrin

Butachlor

Carbendazim

Carbosulfan

Chlorofenvinphos

Chlorothalonil

Dalapon

Dazomet

Deltamethrin (Decamethrin)

Diazinon

Diclorvos (DDVP)

Diflubenzuron

Dinocap

Ethofenprox (Etofenprox)

Fenitrothion

Fenpropathrin

Fenthion

Iprodione

Kasugamycin

Linuron

Mancozeb

Mepiquate Chloride

Metaldehyde

Metoxuron

Monocrotophos

Pendimethalin

Propergite

Propineb

Quinalphos

Simazine

Thiodicarb

Thiophanate-Methyl

Trichlorofon

Trifluralin